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Air Force Plane Crashes in Lake

CHARLEVOIX, Mich. (AP) — An Air Force B52 bomber with nine men aboard—said by witnesses to have exploded in a ball of fire—crashed into Lake Michigan Thursday night off the northwest tip of Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

News Briefs

Seek DDT Ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. appeals court has ordered the federal government to seek a complete ban on the pesticide DDT and ruled the government must hold public hearings before making administrative decisions on pesticide use.

Sweeping Changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — A special congressional commission has recommended a complete overhaul of federal criminal law, including total firearms registration and abolition of the death penalty for all offenses.

Swordfish Out

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration says there is not enough mercury contamination in most types of tuna to worry about, but continuation probably will eliminate swordfish from the American diet.

Jets Delivered

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pentagon sources say at least six Soviet cargo ships have delivered jet fighters and other military hardware to Egypt and Syria within the last 10 days.

Rate Drops

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve Board has dropped the discount rate for the third time in less than 90 days. The rate now stands at 5 1/2 per cent, the lowest level since mid-1968.

Bomb Explodes

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bomb has exploded in an alley outside the Soviet Embassy's cultural building. No one was reported injured. A phone call received by the Washington Bureau of Associated Press indicated the bomb was placed by the militant Jewish Defense League.

Ready for Talks

TEL AVIV (AP)—U.N. envoy Gunnar V. Jarring has arrived in Tel Aviv for talks with Israeli leaders which he hopes will get Arab-Israeli peace negotiations down to business.

Jew Sentenced

MOSCOW (AP) — A military court has sentenced another Jew to a long term in a labor camp for plotting to hijack a Soviet airliner to Israel, and Pravda has charged "imperialist propaganda" is waging a campaign to talk Soviet Jews into emigrating to Israel.

Arson Blamed

TUCSON (AP) — A special board of inquiry has decided a fire which claimed 28 lives at a fashionable hotel Dec. 20 was the work of one or more arsonists.

Snowmobile Legislation

HELENA (AP) — Sen. Neil Lynch, D-Butte, today announced plans to introduce legislation to regulate the licensing and operations of snowmobiles.

Lynch said his bill would outlaw driving the increasingly popular winter-sport vehicles unless the snowmobile has been registered with the State Board of Equalization.

Lynch's bill also would prohibit driving snowmobiles on public roads. The bill also would set penalties for careless, reckless or drunken driving of snowmobiles. The misdemeanor penalties would range to a fine of \$150 and 30 days in jail.

Lynch said he expects the Senate to give a favorable response to his bill but said he was unsure about the climate in the House.

vests and a helmet, but no sign of survivors.

A Strategic Air Command investigating team was to arrive today.

The eight-engine bomber was unarmed and on a training flight from Westover, Mass., Air Force Base when it crashed about 11 miles northeast of Charlevoix, an Air Force spokesman said.

Area residents reported hearing an explosion and seeing flaming debris falling into the water about 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Charles Bleha, a school teacher, said she had just walked into her darkened bedroom when she was "attracted by an orange glow in the sky."

She said she first thought it was a sunset, but when she looked out the window toward the lake, she saw a ball of fire which grew bigger and bigger and then exploded, with flames shooting hundreds of feet.

"As the fireball settled down you could see what appeared to be other small explosions," she said.

When these died away, she said, there appeared to be two fires on the water.

Other area residents confirmed her account.

An Air Force spokesman said the plane was on a practice bombing mission over the Bay Shore radar bombing scoring site, located on a hill overlooking the Little Traverse Bay about eight miles north of Charlevoix.

The plane was part of a unit which regularly simulates bombing of the site.

Air Force spokesmen said the \$8 million, 650 n.p.h. plane, a type now being used in Vietnam, was attached to the 346th Bomb Squadron of the 99th Bombardment Wing at Westover.

Normally the plane is manned by a six-man crew. Air Force spokesmen said the extra men aboard were either instructors or students.

Employment Up During December

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unemployment climbed to six per cent in December, the highest rate in nine years, despite the return to work of men displaced by the General Motors strike, the Labor Department reported today.

The development contradicted the forecasts of administration officials who had contended that joblessness, which hit 5.8 per cent of the labor force in November, would diminish when the auto strikers returned to their plants.

The report showed there were 4.6 million idle men and women in December. This was the same as in November, but the seasonal contraction of the labor force caused the adjusted rate of joblessness to rise by about 120,000 persons in the seasonally adjusted annual rate.

Average weekly earnings of factory workers increased by \$1.03 in December as a result of a slight increase in average hourly rates and a gain of one-tenth of an hour in the factory work week, to 39.7 hours.

The unemployment rate for white workers remained at 5.5 per cent in the month, but the rate for Negroes, which declined slightly in November, returned to its October level of 9.3 per cent.

Long-term unemployment continued to climb. The number of persons out of work for at least 15 weeks passed the one million mark, reaching the highest level since mid-1964.

This brought the average spell of unemployment to 9.8 weeks, up from 9.4 weeks in November.

Joblessness was greatest among construction workers, at 11 per cent. In manufacturing, the unemployment rate in durable goods plants was unchanged from November but rose in soft goods production from 6 per cent in November to 6.9 per cent in December.



Wes Bohma, 12, is shown with his dog "Harold" who has been adopted as the mascot by the Tribune-Examiner carriers, and wears the designation "Harold, the paper-dog" along with his paper bag.

Arctic Cold, Snow Covers Deep South

Winter maintained its weeklong siege of arctic cold in the Southwest today and hurled a wave of snow and freezing rain into a wide stretch of the Deep South.

Four inches of snow blanketed Greenwood, Miss., and half an inch of ice glazed Natchez.

Schools were closed in communities in northern Louisiana and Mississippi because of icy or snowy roads.

Most schools also remained shut in northern New Mexico, including Albuquerque, because of cold-induced fuel shortages.

Six persons died in weather-related auto accidents in the South. Three were killed by a skidding truck as they stood on a central Louisiana roadside to flag traffic away from their car that slid into a bridge.

The National Weather Service advised that the worst of the Southern storm was yet to come. It issued heavy-snow warnings for parts of Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee.

Ice-storm warnings were posted over interior Louisiana, southern Mississippi and northern Alabama and Georgia.

Before swinging into the Deep South, the storm sideswiped southeast Texas and hit the Houston area late Thursday with freezing rain.

The Manned Spacecraft Center went on emergency power to continue rehearsals for the Apollo 14 moon mission. Power failures also affected Ellington Air Force Base and Hobby International Airport. The air base went to auxiliary power. Emergency power also had to be employed at some hospitals.

Temperatures eased slightly in the Southwest after several days of record cold, but readings again were below zero overnight in Northern Arizona and New Mexico and below freezing in the Arizona citrus belt.

Many residents shivered into a fifth day of below-normal heat levels in their homes because of the heavy demand on supplies of natural gas.

Gas was shut off to some homes south of Albuquerque and to about 300 homes in the Santa Fe area—including the governor's mansion—to allow pressure to rebuild in lines.

British Diplomat Held in Uruguay

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP) — British Ambassador Godfrey Jackson was kidnaped this morning and is in the hands of the Tupamaros guerrillas, Montevideo police announced.

Persons claiming to be witnesses of the abduction telephoned radio stations saying it was carried out minutes before 10 a.m., when the ambassador, his driver and two guards arrived at the British Embassy at Aibar and Buenos Aires streets in Montevideo.

They said the ambassador's aides were beaten into submission, and the car carrying the ambassador was driven away by the kidnapers.

The auto, which bore diplomatic markings, was reported found a short time later a few blocks away.

The information was carried on Radio Station Espectador in Montevideo.

The Tupamaro guerrillas, a leftist urban terrorist group that has operated for several years in the Montevideo area, has held two other foreigners as hostages for more than five months.

Claude L. Fly, a U.S. soils expert, has been in Tupamaro custody since he was kidnaped from his place of work last Aug. 7.

Aloysio Dias Gomide, a Brazilian consul, was kidnaped by the Tupamaros from his home on July 31 and has been held longer in custody than any other political kidnap victim.

A third kidnap victim, Dan Mitrone, a U.S. police expert, was executed by the Tupamaros shortly after he was kidnaped, on July 31.

Jackson, 55, was the 16th political kidnap victim in the Western Hemisphere since September 1969. He was the second British diplomat abducted in three months. Three of the victims were murdered when authorities refused to meet the kidnapers' demands.

The rash of abductions began with the seizure of U.S. Ambassador C. Burke Elbrick on Sept. 4, 1969. He was freed in exchange for the release of 15 political prisoners.

The other fatalities beside Mitrone were Count Karl von Spreti, West German ambassador to Guatemala, and Labor Minister Pierre Laporte of the Canadian province of Quebec.

Von Spreti was slain last April after the Guatemalan government rejected kidnapers' demands for release of 22 prisoners and a ransom of \$700,000.

Laporte was killed Oct. 17, 1970, after the Canadian government refused to free members of the Quebec Liberation Front in prison awaiting trial.

British Trade Commissioner James R. Cross was kidnaped by terrorists in Montreal on Oct. 5, 1970 and released two months later after his abductors were given safe conduct to Cuba.

In exchange for release of other kidnap victims, the Tupamaros demanded the release of as many as 160 persons jailed by the government, including Tupamaro suspects.

The government of President Jose Pacheco Areco has steadfastly refused to negotiate with the Tupamaros, and until recently even refused a watered-down Tupamaro offer to release Fly if Uruguayan newspapers would publish an antigovernment manifesto.

President Pacheco Areco was on vacation today about 120 miles east of Montevideo and there was no immediate comment on the Jackson kidnaping from government leaders.

Rocket Explodes In Stomach

AARHUS, Denmark (AP) — Vagn Larsen, 17, was in a hospital in serious condition today after accidentally swallowing a midget rocket that fired in his mouth, went down his gullet and exploded in his chest.

Doctors who undertook urgent surgery at the Aarhus Municipal Hospital said the boy's gullet was ripped open right behind the heart but they expressed belief he is out of immediate danger.

Friends said it all happened this way, during a delayed New Year's party.

Larsen put the rocket between his teeth and asked a friend to light the fuse with the burning end of a cigarette.

His intention was to remove the rocket—made of cardboard and about five inches long—and throw it into the air before it fired.

But the rocket stuck to his lips and the boy panicked, swallowing the rocket.

The friends said all present clearly heard the loud bang when a final charge, designed to release a rain of multicolored fire, exploded in the boy's chest.

Get Ready For Snow

Travelers' warnings were continued today for most of Montana as an arctic cold front moved south into the Treasure State.

The National Weather Service forecast northerly winds and drifting snow would create hazardous driving conditions tonight, with temperatures dropping.

The latest in a series of winter storms brought some stable weather to some parts of the state. Cut Bank had a high of 33 Thursday, but its low was only two degrees less. Great Falls was much the same, recording a high of 33 and a low of 30.

More snow was forecast for much of the state, with the storm expected to pass through to Wyoming on its southeastern course by late evening.

Montana highways were generally snowpacked throughout, with high winds expected to restrict visibility tonight.

Temperatures will drop to near zero tonight, with little hope of reaching above that Saturday.

Intermittent snow and cooler temperatures were forecast by the federal agency for Montana west of the divide through Saturday, with temperatures dropping to 10 below zero in some areas tonight.

For east of the divide, no important temperature changes were expected until early Saturday, with the lows tonight 5-15.

Old-Timer Dies Here

Luigi Dicino, 77, died early Friday at the Barrett Hospital after a short illness.

Mr. Dicino was born Oct. 4, 1893 in Italy and first came to Beaverhead County in 1911 from Spencer, Idaho, and was an employee of the Union Pacific Railroad until retirement in 1940.

He was a veteran of World War I and had served with the United States Army in France and was a recipient of the Purple Heart. He was a member of the Catholic Church and American Legion Post No. 20.

Mr. Dicino is survived by three cousins, Mrs. Nellie Poole of Dillon, Mrs. Grace Patterson of Spokane, Wash., and Frank Little of Big Fork, Mont.

Services will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m. from the Brundage Chapel with Rev. John Sladich officiating. Interment will be in the Mountain View Cemetery.

Hazardous Conditions

Road conditions south of Dillon on US 91, Interstate 15 at 10 o'clock Friday morning were considered hazardous, with one-way traffic only from Lima to one half mile north. Heavy winds on Monida Pass were causing drifting.

The Montana State law enforcement command center at Helena reported over the Law Enforcement Teletype System at 9 a.m. Friday, "Due to warm air preceding a cold front coming down from Canada all roads in the state are generally icy to snowpacked. Driving in all areas hazardous. Plowing and sanding are underway wherever necessary."

The report listed the areas considered most hazardous as Kalispell, Havre, Wolf Point, Glendive, Lewistown, Helena (black ice) and Bozeman, with chains required for all towing units on all passes.



Festival Of Lights

Junior High school students, who are members of the United Christian Fellowship, participated in the annual festival of lights at St. James Guild Hall Thursday evening. The young people, from Presbyterian, Methodist and Episcopal Churches, meet weekly under the leadership of adults from the three denominations.

Commission Members Named By City Council

The Dillon City Council, in the Wednesday evening meeting, appointed a police commission consisting of three members: Carl Davis, chairman, Ray Lynch and Byron Sandborn, to replace the five-man commission which resigned late in 1970.

Purpose of the board, according to Mayor T.W. Sargent, is to act as an advisory board for the police department and for the city council, with special attention to interviewing prospective officers to maintain a pool of reserve police and potential full-time officers.

Another Postal Increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cost of mailing a letter probably will go up this spring as the debt-ridden U.S. Postal Service takes on the trappings of a private corporation.

The stamp for a first class letter is expected to increase from six cents to eight cents in April but Postmaster General Winton M. Blount says that may not be enough to match higher wage costs.

The nine-member board of governors, to be sworn in individually the next few days under recess appointments by President Nixon, has yet to meet.

But the new law requires conversion of the postal service by Aug. 12 from an executive agency to a semiautonomous corporate-like business paying its own way. The deficit this fiscal year may reach \$2.4 billion.

Collective bargaining between postal management and employees, authorized in the law, begins Jan. 20. Blount says the resulting contract may force up costs.

Postal officials estimate a 2-cent increase in first class postage would raise about \$1.5 billion a year and, coupled with boosts in second and third class mailing, should enable the service to break even when Congress subsidizes public services such as free mailing of materials to the blind.